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Border Patrol Agents Seize Over A Ton Of Marijuana
Six Different Weekend Seizures Net 2,161 Pounds

MARFA, Texas -- Agents of the US Border Patrol, Marfa Sector, seized 2,161 pounds of marijuana in six different seizures between Friday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 15. Seizures were made by Agents assigned to the Alpine, Marfa and Sierra Blanca Stations.

At 9:45 Friday night, Dec. 13, Agents of the Sierra Blanca Station found 1,446 pounds of marijuana hidden in the cab of a tractor trailer. The drugs were valued at $1,156,800.

Sierra Blanca Agents seized 212 pounds Saturday evening. The marijuana was hidden in the wheels of a car driven by a citizen of Mexico. The drugs had a value of $169,600.

Two citizens of Mexico were arrested at the Alpine Checkpoint south of Alpine Saturday morning. The two had 37.25 pounds of marijuana valued at $29,800.

Saturday afternoon, Alpine Agents discovered 44.55 pounds of marijuana, valued at $35,640, hidden in a van at the Alpine Checkpoint 15 miles south of Alpine. The vehicle was driven by a naturalized United States citizen.

Alpine Agents found 312 pounds of marijuana hidden in the back seat of a crew cab pickup Sunday night at the Border Patrol checkpoint south of Marathon, Texas. The drugs were valued at $249,680.

Agents from the Marfa and Van Horn Stations cooperated in the discovery of 109 pounds of marijuana packed in duffle bags Sunday evening. The drugs were hidden in a culvert near Highway 90 west of Valentine, Texas. Agents were tracking footprints when the drugs were found. The area is often used as a drop off point for illicit drugs that will be later picked up for transportation away from the border. The value of the Marijuana is $87,160.

Total value of the drugs seized was $1,728,680. All the marijuana, suspects and vehicles were turned over to Drug Enforcement Administration officers.

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